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As you know, the Chancellor has said that he considers it necessary that there be a meeting of the four Governments when the Soviet Union makes its measures known. The German Embassy here interprets this as meaning he is thinking in terms of a meeting of Foreign Ministers, possibly even a meeting of heads of Governments with the Secretary representing the President. Recommendations have also come in from several field posts in favor of a Four Power meeting to deal with the Berlin crisis.

If there is to be a meeting it is highly desirable that it be held in Berlin. The choice of Berlin as the place to meet would focus world attention on the city and on the fact that the Western Allies are there as a matter of right.

Moreover, the presence in Berlin of foreign ministers or chiefs of state would bolster the morale of the Berliners. They would see this act as an indication to Moscow of a firm Western position

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